

Stand Beside Them

On November 11, Americans will commemorate those who have fought in wars for the United States of America. Veterans' Day, for many, is merely a minor day of commemoration when honoring veterans involves just perhaps a few seconds of reflection. Veterans' Day should be a day to stand beside those who have served our country, and still serve today in the US armed forces.

What does it mean, to "stand beside our soldiers?" Standing beside our soldiers means supporting them; actively recognizing their achievements. It means realizing that these soldiers were not fighting for personal gains, or any sort of political agenda, but for America. It means rising above the politics surrounding the war and recognizing that these men and women have risked their lives for our country.

On Veterans Day, Americans should pursue action to show their respect for our servicemen and women in times present and past. Whether this means visiting veterans, sending supplies or cards to soldiers overseas, or some other action, we need to view those who have volunteered to keep our country safe and risked their lives to do so with deference and admiration. We need to give all due respect to the current and former soldiers of this country.

Standing beside our soldiers is not merely a once a year event, however. Just because November 11 is still a few weeks away does not make the achievements of our

veterans any less impressive, or the dangers of those serving overseas any less real.

Veterans Day is just a time to instill in us a little of the need to honor our military personnel and "stand beside them" just like they deserve.